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Mr. David Conroy
United States Environmental Protection Agency Region I
EPA New England
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Re: Formal Initial Notification for a Potential Exceptional Event for Ozone from May 25-28, 2016

Dear Mr. Conroy:

This letter serves to notify the USEPA that the State of Rhode Island, Department of Environmental Management will be examining the aforementioned period as an exceptional event, per the Clean Air Act (CAA) section 319(b).

Preliminary data analysis indicates that significant fires in Fort McMurray, Canada and possibly elsewhere in the eastern United States may have significantly influenced an ozone episode from May 25th to May 28th.

In accordance with 40 CFR 50.14(c)(2) of the "Exceptional Events Rule", all ozone data for that period has been flagged in EPA's Air Quality System with an IF "Informational" Flag.

Feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions concerning this notification.

Sincerely,

Douglas McVay
Chief
Office of Air Resources

Cc: Robert Judge, EPA R1